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SUBJ: MAY DAY PARADE

1. MAY DAY PASSED WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL INCIDENTS OR ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS. THIS YEAR AS IN PAST YEARS OVER ONE HALF MILLION WORKERS MARCHED PAST PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WHO STOOD ON BALCONY OF NATIONAL PALACE FOR FIVE HOURS. ALONG WITH PRESIDENT WERE CABINET OFFICIALS AND NATIONAL LABOR LEADERS. ALSO IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS ON ANOTHER "FOREIGN VISITORS" BALCONY STOOD REPRESENTATIVES FROM NUMEROUS SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES AND PRC. FEW REPRESENTATIVES FROM WESTERN DEMOCRATIC POWERS WERE OBSERVED. US LABOR ATTACHE WAS INVITED AND ATTENDED.

2. BANNERS AND SIGNS OF MARCHERS EXPECTEDLY PRAISED ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION. ATMOSPHERE WAS MORE POLITICAL THIS YEAR THAN 1974.

3. ELECTRICAL POWER WORKERS WERE IN GREAT NUMBERS. INTERESTINGLY ONE OF THE ELECTRICAL UNIONS ASKED FOR NATIONALIZATION OF ALL INDUSTRY AND UNITY WITH AFRICAN NATIONS. OTHER SLOGANS WERE UNEXCEPTIONAL.
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